

CLEAR AND CONVINCING.

The following article was contributed by a man to the discussion of the suffrage held a short time since. It is so well worthy of a larger audience that we take this method of drawing to it the public attention. It is a purely practical paper, and is intended especially for those who fear the effect of admitting women to any share in the franchise at this time.

There are many who favor woman suffrage as an abstract question of right or justice or even of expediency, under certain conditions or in its ultimate effects, but who doubt the expediency of the innovation at the present time and under present conditions in Hawaii.

Will women suffrage, under proper educational and property qualifications, here and now, improve the general vote?

In the first place, the bad legislation of the past decade in Hawaii has been due not so much to lack of intelligence as to lack of character on the part of the voters. It is so everywhere, no one would for a moment think of dividing either voters or legislators into desirable or undesirable classes on lines of intelligence. Many voters and legislators who some years ago were counted among the leaders for good government are now numbered on the other side, certainly not because they have lost intelligence, but because they have lost character. While educational and property qualifications do in fact, and with much good effect on that account, directly increase the intelligent vote, yet these qualifications are in reality imposed rather for the purpose of increasing indirectly the conservative and moral vote. Those who have property and those who are educated naturally are more conservative and more respectful of the rights of others. They most want conservative and patriotic and trusted men in the legislative body. Now, very few men cast their votes for one candidate or another because they have come to a calm, disinterested, intellectual conclusion one way or the other on particular public questions. Most questions that come before the Legislature arise after the members of that body have been elected. The voters have no opportunity to pass upon their general principles, to say nothing of the details of the laws. And as to the few leading issues that are discussed in the election campaign, the masses are led chiefly by the character of the leaders, or take sides one way or the other upon party lines. What we need is good men elected, and what people vote for is not this or that particular question, but for this or that man who can be depended upon to act on certain general good or bad lines as the various questions arise from time to time. Now, will any one say that the women of Hawaii will as a whole more than the men cast their votes for bad men? Will any one say this after considering their great susceptibility to moral influences, their large majorities in church and school membership, and their countless organizations for charitable and philanthropic work? If women should be admitted on the same basis as men, and, if they were no better than men, the most that could be said is that both the good and the bad votes would be increased in the same proportion, and that the result would therefore be the same as now.

But if only those women are allowed to vote who have the qualifications say of voters for members of the upper house, there can be no question that the general vote will be much improved. Under the most unfavorable conditions of the past, the supporters of good government could generally count on a majority of the members of the upper house. Now, if the women who have the qualifications of voters for the members of the upper house are no better and no worse than the men who have the same qualifications (and it is safe to say they are, on the average, no worse) the results as to the upper house would remain the same. But the results as to the lower house would be much improved, because all such women, a majority of whom could be counted on for good government, would vote for the members of that house as well as for the members of the upper house, and it is the lower house that most needs improvement. Many persons who will not support good government must necessarily be allowed to vote, but if the majority of women who may be allowed to vote favor good government, the result will be a gain. We know from past experience that the majority of men entitled to vote for members of the upper house can be depended upon to support good government. Therefore if women with the same qualifications are allowed to vote we may be sure of improvement,

unless the ratio of bad women to good women so qualified is greater than the ratio of bad men to good men.

AS THEY SEE US.

The U. S. Papers Congratulate Hawaii on the Election.

The elections of delegates to the Constitutional Convention took place in Hawaii on Wednesday, May 2. Returns have been received only from Oahu, the island upon which the capital is situated, but if these may be taken as a criterion the elections were conducted with a degree of quietness very flattering to a country that has but recently thrown off a monarchial yoke, and where a large number of the inhabitants are represented as intolerant to the new order of things and waiting an opportunity to fly to arms to restore the former discredited regime. There must be a high degree of virility in the Provisional Government to conduct affairs with such a marked respect for order and law in the midst of elections that try the temper of states older in civilization than the gem of the North Pacific, and the circumstance justifies all that has been said of the American genius of the men now in control in the islands and of the worthiness of the new state to be made a part of the American commonwealth. As to the proposition to which a personal representative of the President of this republic listened, that those men be beheaded to satisfy the ferocity of their barbarous ex-queen, one can best judge at this time what the world would have lost had the representative been as weak as the President who sent him.

There are several features connected with the elections that are instructive because of the insight they afford into the state of affairs existing in the islands. One of these is the discrepancy between the full vote and registered vote. The voting citizens of Honolulu number 2800, and of these 1500 registered. The failure of the others to do so may be in part accounted for by the strict adherence of the Royalists to their policy of refraining from having anything to do with the elections, but chiefly to the law that requires every voter who registers to pay a poll tax of \$5. What effect such a law would produce in New York State, and the shrinkage it would cause in registration may easily be imagined. If every non tax paying voter in Troy had to pay \$5 to vote instead of being paid as large or larger sum for his vote what a shrinkage there would be in the number of votes cast! In Honolulu alone fully 1000 voters were barred by this \$5 tax prerequisite, chiefly Portuguese and natives, leaving about 300 voters who were influenced by royalty to remain passive. This should be reassuring to those who lie awake apprehending that the adherents of Lil, will get up early enough to restore her some fine morning. As Honolulu is the royalist stronghold there is nothing in this show of strength to afford to even the most timorous any occasion for fear. But, this aside, even if the registration was comparatively light the vote was heavy. Fully 90 per cent. of those registered voted, showing that the ballot is regarded as a desirable privilege in the islands of the sea. There is no account of any repeating, of intimidation or rioting. It was like the town meetings in Massachusetts—a quarter of a century ago. Altogether it may be said that the Americans in Hawaii have shown that they can take care of themselves and that the island paradise would make an ornamental addition to the United States.—Troy (N. Y.) Budget.

Depots for Shipwrecked Crews.

The Kerguelen, St. Paul, and Amsterdam Islands have depots supplied with stores and clothing for the use of shipwrecked crews. The following description is given of one of these depots:—"It is in a cave at the foot of the west cliff of a rocky chasm, running north and south, and its position is indicated by a stone cairn 11½ feet in height and is about 14 feet broad at the base, erected on the summit of the west cliff of the chasm. This cairn, visible from Gazelle Basin, is painted black, and shows clearly against the grey rocks which form the background. The entrance to the cave has been closed by large stones. Approximate position, lat. 49 deg. 16 min. 45 sec. S., long. 69 deg. 40 min. 30 sec. E. This depot contains 2250 lb. of preserved beef in boxes of 9 lb. 11½ lb. of biscuits, 20 swanskin shirts, 20 pairs of woollen drawers, 20 woollen blankets, and four packets of matches. The boxes of preserved beef are stored in a pile, coated with coal tar. The biscuits are in four iron hooped barrels, thickly covered with coal tar. The clothes are in two similar barrels. The matches are in a box, similar to the beef boxes, painted with minium (red lead) and with a label of the contents on it."—Exchange.

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